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SRI V. V. RAMASWAMI : சென்னை நகரக் கார்ப்பரேஷன் மேயர் தேர்தலும் ஆறு மாதங்களுக்கு ஒத்திவைக்கப்படுமா என்பது கனம் அங்கத்தினருடைய கேள்வி.

THE HON. SRIMATHI LOURDHAMMAL SIMON : There is no necessity for it here.

DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : Questions are over.

[*Note.*—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

III.—ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN *RE* MESSAGES FROM THE ASSEMBLY.

DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : I have to announce to the House that I have received the following messages, dated the 9th September 1958, from the Hon. Speaker, Madras Legislative Assembly :—

'(1) In accordance with rule 114 of the Madras Assembly Rules, I transmit a copy of the Madras District Municipalities (Amendment) Bill, 1958 (L.A. Bill No. 27 of 1958), as passed by the Legislative Assembly on the 9th September 1958 and signed by me, for the concurrence of the Council; and

'(2) In accordance with rule 114 of the Madras Assembly Rules, I transmit a copy of the Madras District Development Councils Bill, 1958 (L.A. Bill No. 24 of 1958), as passed by the Legislative Assembly on the 9th September 1958 and signed by me, for the concurrence of the Council.'

IV.—GOVERNMENT BILL.

THE MADRAS CHILDREN (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1958 (L.A. BILL NO. 10 OF 1958).

* THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Sir, I move—

"That the Madras Children (Amendment) Bill[a], 1958 (L.A. Bill No. 10 of 1958), as passed by the Legislative Assembly, be taken into consideration."

Legislation dealing with juvenile delinquency in this State is contained in the Madras Children Act, 1920. The question of amending the Act has come up to Government frequently. In 1950, a Bill was prepared on the basis of the recommendations of Lt.-Col. Ford Thomson, the Adviser on Child Psychology to the Government, in 1948. The Bill was considered by the Provincial Advisory Board of Education. This Board, while expressing general agreement with the terms of the Bill, suggested the constitution of a committee to consider in detail the provisions of the Bill. The Government accordingly appointed the Madras Children Bill Committee, 1950, to consider the provisions of the Bill. Subsequently, in view of the large expenditure involved and the then

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[a] Printed as Appendix on pages 111–122 *infra*.